

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Title of the Invention as follows:

~~BICYCLE CRANK ASSEMBLY AND ASSEMBLY TOOLS~~ AXLE BOLT

At page 1, prior to the Background of the Invention section, please add the following new section:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a division of copending application no. 10/095,262, filed March 8, 2002.

Please replace paragraph [0029] with the following amended paragraph:

[0029] As shown in Figs. 6 and 7, left side crank arm 60B comprises a crank arm body 330, an axle mounting boss 331 having an axle mounting opening 332 with a splined inner peripheral surface 333, and a pedal mounting boss 334 having a pedal mounting opening 335 with a threaded inner peripheral surface 336. In this embodiment, axle mounting boss ~~341~~ 331 includes a first mounting ear 337 spaced apart from but in close proximity to a second mounting ear 338. First mounting ear 337 includes an unthreaded fastener opening 339 and a threaded fastener opening 340, and second mounting ear 338 includes an unthreaded fastener opening 341 and a threaded fastener opening 342. A crank arm bolt 343 having a threaded shank 344 and a head 345 extends through unthreaded fastener opening 339 in first mounting ear 337 and screws into threaded opening 342 in second mounting ear 338 such that head 345 abuts against first mounting ear 337. Similarly, a crank arm bolt 346 having a threaded shank 347 and a head 348 extends through unthreaded fastener opening 341 in second mounting ear 338 and screws into threaded opening 340 in first mounting ear 337 such that head 348 abuts against second mounting ear 338. Crank arm bolts 343 and 346 thus tighten first mounting ear 337 and second mounting ear 338 towards each other for clamping axle mounting boss 331 around axle 59 as discussed below.

Please replace paragraph [0032] with the following amended paragraph:

[0032] A tool 450 shown in Figs. 8 and 10 is provided for screwing axle bolt 380 into the threaded inner peripheral surface 368 of second end portion 354 of axle 59. Tool 450 comprises a tool body 454 and a tool operating member 460. Tool body 454 comprises a splined portion 458 and a stepped portion 459 disposed between splined portion 458 and tool operating member 460, wherein stepped portion 459 extends radially outwardly from splined portion 458. Splined portion 458 comprises a plurality of (e.g., eight) circumferentially disposed splines, each comprising a radially outwardly extending spline projection 461 adjacent to a spline groove 462. Tool operating member 460 extends radially outwardly from stepped portion 459 of tool body 454. In this embodiment, tool operating member 460 has a disk shape, and tool body 454 extends from a side surface 470 of tool operating member 460. A gripping rim 474 having a knurled outer peripheral surface 478 is disposed at a radially outermost portion of tool operating member 460 such that gripping rim 474 extends laterally from a side surface 478 of tool operating member 460.